

CAPSULE SUMMARY  
Old Washington Road Survey District (CH: 584)  
3500-3600 Blocks  
Charles County, Maryland

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH:584

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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_  
common/other name 3500 and 3600 Blocks of Old Washington Road  
Survey District

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2. Location

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street & number 3575, 3580, 3586, 3587, 3592, 3593, 3598, 3599,  
3604, 3605, 3610, 3611, 3616, 3617, 3622, 3628, 3634, and 3640 Old  
Washington Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Waldorf vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing      Noncontributing

<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival  
Tudor Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid  
Roof Gable: Asphalt Shingle  
Gambrel: Asphalt Shingle  
Walls Masonry: Brick Stretcher Bond  
Frame: Vinyl Siding, Asbestos Shingle  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance 1930-1950  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates c. 1930  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
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Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property approximately ten acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The properties within the 3500 and 3600 blocks of Old Washington Road are designated as Parcels 93, 150, 115, 95, 116, 96, 117, 97, 174, 98, 118, 99, 378, 100, 119, 120, 121, and 122, Grid 8 as indicated on Map 15.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The properties at the 3500 and 3600 blocks of Old Washington Road have historically been associated with Parcels 93, 150, 115, 95, 116, 96, 117, 97, 174, 98, 118, 99, 378, 100, 119, 120, 121, and 122 since the buildings' construction in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state MD zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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The survey group, lying along the 3500 and 3600 blocks of Old Washington Road, consists of eighteen houses that were constructed in the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The freestanding single-family dwellings are set back from the road on medium-sized lots with large trees shading many of the houses. The typical lot features foundation plantings, mature trees, and gravel or asphalt driveways. To the rear of some of the houses sit one-story garages. The eighteen houses reviewed in the survey group represent vernacular interpretations of both the Tudor Revival and Colonial Revival styles. Of those houses that are classified as Colonial Revival, one was constructed in the Cape Cod house form, while most are representative of the Dutch Colonial Revival houses of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The houses in the survey group are primarily one-and-a-half or two stories in height and three or four bays in width. For the most part, they feature masonry construction and asphalt shingle roofs. The Tudor Revival style houses are characterized by brick stretcher bond construction and front gable projecting bays with steeply pitched roofs. Some of the gable ends feature half-timbering, a trait found in Tudor Revival style buildings. Other defining features found on some of the Tudor Revival style houses are front facing brick chimneys, arched entryways, rowlock sills and soldier lintels.

The Cape Cod house is a typical example of the house form, featuring brick stretcher bond construction, a side gable roof, 6/6 windows and two gable dormers. While the Cape Cod house form is a common representation of the Colonial Revival style, the Dutch Colonial Revival houses are more prevalent in the survey group. The Dutch Colonial Revival style houses found in the survey group are similar in form and material. They are two stories in height and two or three bays in width. In all instances, the first stories of the houses are clad in brick facing laid in stretcher bond and the second stories are clad in either vinyl siding or asbestos shingles. Large shed dormers grace the slopes of the side gambrel, asphalt shingle roofs. Exterior end brick chimneys and 6/6 windows further characterize them.



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The Tudor Revival style was applied to many domestic buildings between the 1890s and the 1940s. Found on many suburban houses throughout the nation, the style was particularly fashionable during the 1920s and early 1930s. At this time, the Tudor Revival style was primarily rivaled by the popular Colonial Revival style. The style is loosely based on early English building traditions ranging from folk houses to Late Medieval manor houses. Tudor Revival style dwellings are often identified by steeply pitched roofs with prominent cross gables and massive chimneys on the facades, tall, narrow windows, round-arched doorways, brick walls, and decorative half-timbering. The steeply pitched roofs and elaborate chimneys are derived from Medieval origins, while the decorative detailing often draws from Renaissance traditions.

Popular in the United States between 1880 and 1955, the Colonial Revival style resulted from the rebirth of interest in the colonial English and Dutch houses of the eastern seaboard coincident with the Philadelphia Centennial. Stylistic details in Colonial Revival domestic buildings were drawn primarily from the Georgian and Federal styles. While Colonial Revival buildings of the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century reflected their colonial influences more clearly, those that were constructed after World War II were more simplified, with details that suggested rather than duplicated the original examples.

In 1872, the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad was laid, connecting Charles County to Baltimore; one of the stations on this line was located in the small village of Waldorf. By 1887, Waldorf grew to contain a Methodist Church, a school, two general stores, two saloons, and two hotels. By the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, road improvements and the use of the automobile began to further affect the development of the region. As trucks began carrying more tobacco and produce from southern Maryland to northern markets, the



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demands for better roads grew. In 1922, the construction of the Robert Crain Highway, the predecessor to U. S. 301, began. Waldorf became an important interchange on Crain Highway between the rest of southern Maryland and Washington, D. C. Linking the rural areas of southern Maryland to the urban centers in the north, Crain Highway attracted new commercial and domestic development. The commercial and residential development that sprang up around Waldorf as a result of the highway contributed greatly to the overall growth of the town in the 1920s and 1930s. Passenger service on the B & P Railroad ended in 1949 and the dependence on the automobile grew even stronger. By 1950, the population in Waldorf had grown enough to warrant expansion of its school. Despite this growth, large-scale modern development did not affect Charles County until the 1970s when the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guaranteed \$24 million in loans for the St. Charles Communities.

National Register Evaluation:

The 3500 and 3600 Blocks of Old Washington Road Survey District is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the buildings and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the buildings provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, they are neither unusual nor distinguished; they do not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the properties are likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the survey district is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Not Recommended X

Comments:

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Review, OPS: OWB

Date: 11/24/95

Reviewer, NR Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Modern Period (1930-present)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape, and  
Community Planning

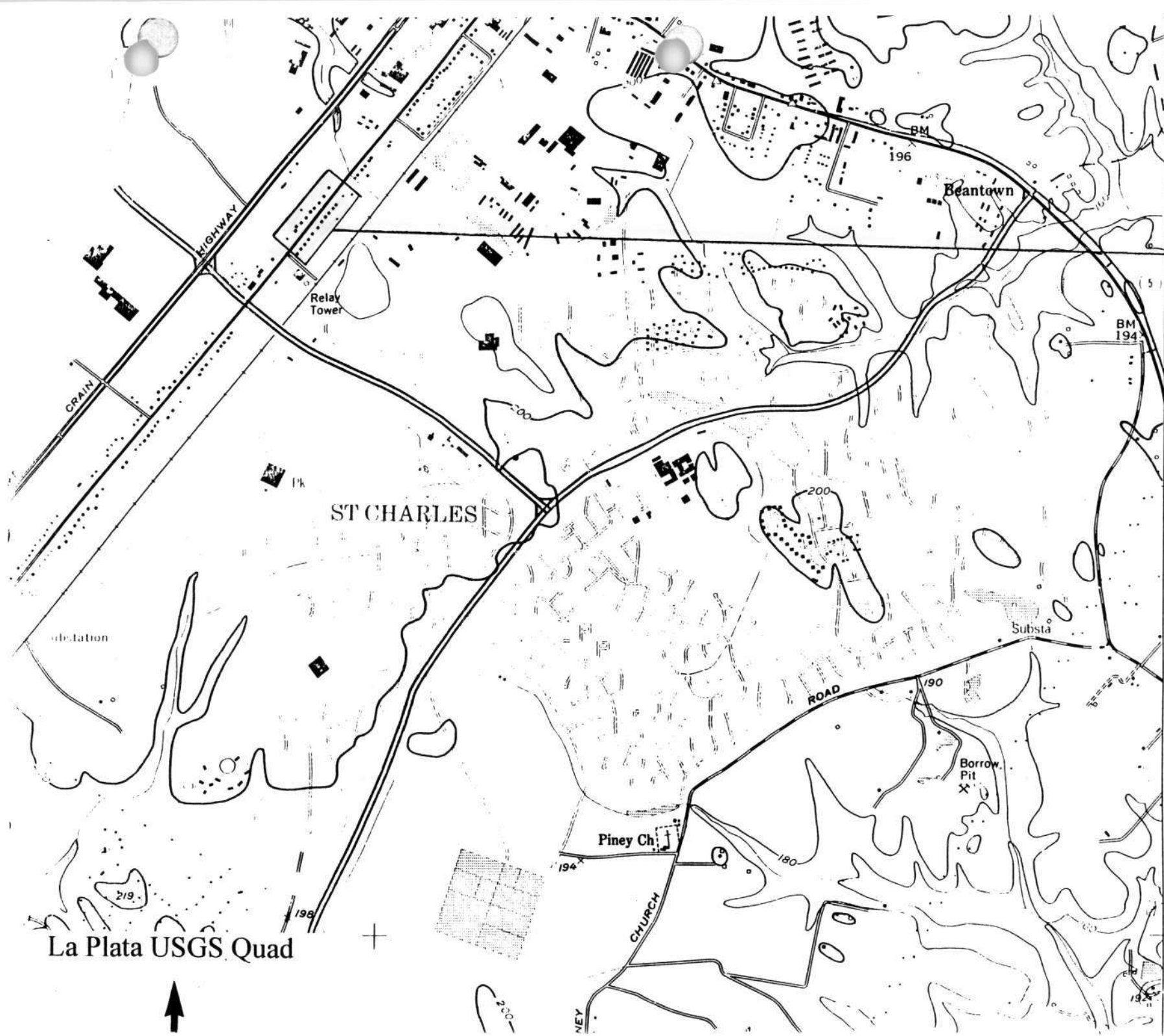
**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** District

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** Unknown



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SURVEY DISTRICT, 35  
3600 BLOCKS  
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Pit  
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3640 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500  $\frac{1}{2}$  3600 BLOCKS  
CHARLES COUNTY, MD  
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view to the east

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT 3500 E. 3600 BLOCKS

3634 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

northwest elevation

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS  
3628 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS

3622 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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JUNE 1999

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT 3500  $\pm$  3600 BLOCKS

3616 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS  
3610 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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northwest elevation

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS  
3604 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD  
CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES  
JUNE 1999  
MD SHPO

northwest elevation

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS

3598 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS

3592 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS  
3586 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS  
3580 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS

3587 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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JUNE 1999

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 E 3600 BLOCKS

3593 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

southeast elevation

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OLD WASHINGTON ROAD SURVEY DISTRICT, 3500 & 3600 BLOCKS

3599 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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3575 Old Washington Road

Charles County, MD

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

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3605 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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3611 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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3617 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD  
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